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Filing Date: 12/21/2001 Docket No.: RA 5369  
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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING INPUT/OUTPUT  
REQUESTS USING A FAIRNESS THROTTLE

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P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

We are submitting herewith the following:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet
- ☒ Office Action Response, pages 1-11.
- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time, 1 page.
- ☒ Postcard
- ☒ Authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments that may be deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (USYS.088PA).

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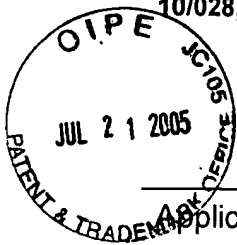
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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

The Applicants submit this reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 in response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 18, 2005, which set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** begin on page 11 of this paper.